

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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Case

22-CA-256238

Date Filed

FEB 12, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS:

File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT

a. Name of Employer

Metra Industries Inc.

b. Tel. No. (973) 812-0333

c. Cell No.

f. Fax No.

g. e-Mail

h. Number of workers employed

approx. 2

d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code)

50 Muller Place
Little Falls, NJ 07424

e. Employer Representative

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)
Contractor

j. Identify principal product or service

k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (list subsections) (5) of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.

2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices)

Within the previous six months, the above-named employer, by its officers, agents or representatives, in violation of Section 8(a)(1) and (5) of the Act, has refused to execute the agreed-upon contract with the Local 13742, District 4, United Steelworkers.

3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number)
Local 13742, District 4, United Steelworkers

4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)

2025 Lincoln Highway, Suite 130
Edison, NJ 08817

4b. Tel. No. 732-287-4011

4c. Cell No.

4d. Fax No.

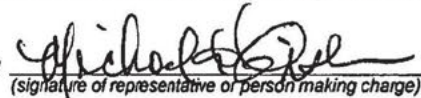
4e. e-Mail

5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization)
United Steelworkers

6. DECLARATION

I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By


(signature of representative or person making charge)

Michael L. Fisher, Sub District Director

(Print/type name and title or office, if any)

Tel. No. 732-287-4011

Office, if any, Cell No.

Fax No.

e-Mail

Address 2025 Lincoln Highway, Suite 130, Edison, NJ

02/12/20

(date)

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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February 13, 2020

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Metra Industries Inc.
50 Muller Place
Little Falls, NJ 07424

Re: Metra Industries Inc.
Case 22-CA-256250

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney Joanna Pagoness Ross whose telephone number is (862)229-7037. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory LAURA ELRASHEDY whose telephone number is (862)229-7049.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not

enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor any request to place limitations on our use of position statements or evidence beyond those prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act and the Federal Records Act. Thus, we will not honor any claim of confidentiality except as provided by Exemption 4 of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b)(4), and any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at any hearing before an administrative law judge. We are also required by the Federal Records Act to keep copies of documents gathered in our investigation for some years after a case closes. Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose such records in closed cases upon request, unless there is an applicable exemption. Examples of those exemptions are those that protect confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews: It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

Procedures: Pursuant to Section 102.5 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, parties must submit all documentary evidence, including statements of position, exhibits, sworn statements, and/or other evidence, by electronically submitting (E-Filing) them through the Agency's web site (www.nlr.gov). You must e-file all documents electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Failure to comply with Section 102.5 will result in rejection of your submission. The Region will make its determination on the merits solely based on the evidence properly submitted. All evidence submitted electronically should be in the form in which it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge.

If the Agency does not issue a formal complaint in this matter, parties will be notified of the Regional Director's decision by email. Please ensure that the agent handling your case has your current email address.

Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov or from an NLRB office upon your request. *NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures* offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David E. Leach III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

DAVID E. LEACH III
Regional Director

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME

CASE NUMBER

22-CA-256250

1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)**2. TYPE OF ENTITY**☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)**3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC**A. STATE OF INCORPORATION
OR FORMATION

B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES

4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS**5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR****6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).****7. A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:****B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:****8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED**

A. Total:

B. At the address involved in this matter:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR YR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YR (FY dates)

YES NO

A. Did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value.
\$B. If you answered no to 9A, did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided.
\$C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you **provide services** valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$D. Did you **sell goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$E. If you answered no to 9D, did you **sell goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount.
\$F. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$G. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$H. **Gross Revenues** from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount)
☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$250,000 ☐ \$500,000 ☐ \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.I. Did you **begin operations within the last 12 months**? If yes, specify date: _____**10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?**☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).**11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS**

NAME

TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TEL. NUMBER

12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

SIGNATURE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

METRA INDUSTRIES INC.

Charged Party

and

**LOCAL 13742, DISTRICT 4, UNITED
STEELWORKERS**

Charging Party

Case 22-CA-256250

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on February 13, 2020, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Metra Industries Inc.
50 Muller Place
Little Falls, NJ 07424

February 13, 2020

Date

Albert Santiago, Designated Agent of
NLRB

Name

Albert Santiago

Signature



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February 25, 2020

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Re: Metra Industries Inc.
Case 22-CA-256250

J.H. Reid
Case 22-CA-256328

CM Ashland Construction
Case 22-CA-256330

Dear Mr. Tobia:

This is to advise you that I have approved the withdrawal of the charges in the above cases.

Very truly yours,

David E. Leach III
Regional Director

cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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